## **Approved BOARD MINUTES July 23, 2015**

The Village Board meeting was called to order at 8:00 am by Mayor Manicki, who led the pledge to the flag.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Manicki, Trustees Daluisio, Retzlaff and Mezydlo, Clerk/Treasurer Wachowiak, Deputy Clerk Galbraith, CEO Czechowski, Superintendent Sitzman and Attorney Trapp

**Absent-** Trustee Warmus

**MOTION** by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2015 meeting. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve for payment bills on abstract dated July 23, 2015. Carried

Payroll \$35,331.34 Abstract \$28,202.56

**MOTION** by Trustee Mezydlo, seconded by Trustee Retzlaff, to approve the following reports: Treasurer's Report for June, Planning Board for June and July. Carried.

### COMMUNICATIONS

Meeting minutes from the Alden Chamber of Commerce and Town of Alden, newsletters from Alden Chamber of Commerce and Grant Action News, correspondence from CEO concerning flags, Memorandums from the Alden Planning Board concerning Birch Creek Run site plan and from Dept. of Env. and Planning concerning CDBG report, sign request from the Alden Chamber of Commerce, resignation notice from Pat Shingledecker, Planning Board Secretary, notice from Emerling Insurance concerning additional coverage of 2015 caterpillar, reminder from Christopher Jacobs, Erie County Clerk urging residents to renew auto registrations locally and an article from the Buffalo News, concerning digital signs.

**MOTION** by Trustee Daluisio, seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to file as received all correspondence. Carried.

## RESOLUTIONS/APPOINTMENTS/REQUESTS/MOTIONS:

Motions for July 23, 2015

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to accept with regrets, the resignation of Patricia Shingledecker as the Planning Board Secretary, effective September 30, 2015. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Daluisio, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to approve the updated 2025 Master Comprehensive Plan as modified, upon recommendation of the Village of Alden Planning Board. Carried.

MOTION by Trustee Retzlaff, and seconded by Trustee Mezydlo, to appoint Sue Galbraith, as the Planning Board Secretary, effective September 1, 2015. Carried.

## **BUSINESS FROM FLOOR-**

### REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES/DEPARTMENTS:

<u>Clerk Wachowiak</u> – Alden Village Estates is looking to get a \$200 refund for tap in fees recently reduced for mobile homes, after discussion by the board there would be no refund for prior fees. Laura Landers, FreedMaxick will present audit report at Sept. 10 work session at 6 pm, and at board meeting to follow. Mayor to contact her concerning recommendations on changing the Investment Policy.

<u>Superintendent Sitzman</u> had annual water system inspection with the Erie County Health Dept., went well. Pleased with the system, good shape. Received notification Steve Blood will be leaving our employ as of July 31. The school would like to extend the dumpster contract for 2 more years, with the board's approval. In the process of reviewing the renewal contract for refuse disposal that will be due in December. Cost has increased by \$7,100 over the past 6 years, with a proposed 3% increase (\$4800) included in the possible 3 year extension. Attorney Trapp recommended negotiating a lower rate if possible, and Mayor Manicki recommended checking to see what other municipalities pay. Have researched the General Crew Chief and 2<sup>nd</sup> Waste Water Operator positions, will send to the county on Monday. Three quotes have been received to replace the roof of the sludge bed damaged during the November storm. Zoladz has been awarded the work for a price of \$3,500. Keith to contact the insurance company concerning the original estimate of \$700 to remove it. DPW has done lawn mowing at a couple of locations throughout the village to comply with the code.

CEO Czechowski –Secretary position has been filed for the Planning Board vacancy, however, will advertise for upcoming opening on the Planning Board for Tom Cantie who will be moving out of town. Birch Creek Run, (W. Main St.), is progressing. Superintendent Sitzman is working with the engineers, and they will be applying to the ZBA in August. Will work on SEQR at next board meeting. Notification was sent to the neighbors, with three approaching the CEO with questions concerning the buffer and construction time line. Would like to build model in winter with remainder in spring, pending county and state condo approval, helping to reduce the taxes per unit. Model will be built with single home status, in case demand for units is not abundant, should have all information by August. Two local land lords have also inquired about patio home construction on their property.

Attorney Trapp - will be meeting in East Aurora concerning Time Warner, and then will be attending the Public Service presentation on August 5. Attorney Trapp will contact Charter Comm. concerning a recent letter he received with their opinion that it is not a transfer of ownership. Asked about Alden Automotives sign and was told they are working with the sign company to dim and adjust the brightness. Mayor questioned if anything has been done concerning the first responders responding out of district, Attorney Trapp will look into it. Attorney Trapp will not be present at the August 13 board meeting.

<u>Trustee Daluisio</u> – who is a member of the Town ZBA, brought up the question of the firemen's carnival running in conjunction with the car show.

<u>Trustee Mezydlo</u> – informed Superintendent Sitzman of a potential hazard in Firemen's Memorial Bandstand Park. A guide wire is drooping and would like to see it fixed before someone gets injured on it.

Mayor Manicki – has not heard anything from the Erie County Highway concerning Crittenden and Exchange Sts. Questioned if weeds and grass growing between the bricks in the sidewalk could be taken care of. Superintendent Sitzman informed the board of a burning technique that he is interested in trying. The car show is this Sunday, and it appears all paperwork is in order. Save-A-Lot will have one entrance to the plaza open for the car show, with security patrolling. Emergency Disaster Coordinator, Ryan Sheedy is working on several projects on initiatives, awareness and training. Dave Christopher, NYDOT engineer called to advise that a temporary solution to the viaduct clearance issue will be coming in a month or two. The road will be restriped to two lanes on each side of the viaduct for several hundred feet. Temporary barriers will be installed to guide vehicles to the center for about 100 ft on each side of the viaduct. This

will allow them to post it to the actual height of 13'8". He hopes to do the permanent fix next year which will include the installation of curbing and repair of the drainage issues.

## **UNFINISHED AND TABLED BUSINESS:**

none

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Trustee Retzlaff, seconded by Trustee Daluisio, to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 am with a moment of silence for Justice Al Gerhart.

I respectfully submit

Sue Galbraith,

Deputy Village Clerk